



**MONTEL WILLIAMS**  
**TALK SHOW HOST / MS AWARENESS CHAMPION**

Montel Williams earned his media celebrity status as a riveting Emmy Award-winning television personality and radio talk show host. He is also a decorated naval officer, inspirational speaker, author, wellness entrepreneur and health advocate.

Williams hosted the nationally syndicated talk show, *The Montel Williams Show*, for 17 years, taping over 3500 shows and interviewing more than 30,000 guests. Focusing on key social issues involving ordinary people coping with extraordinary circumstances, he received a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show Host, and the show was nominated for Outstanding Talk Show two years in a row.

Over the past year, Williams hosted the daily syndicated radio talk show *Montel Across America*. The program received tremendous response and provided insight into social, political and economic issues along with information on health and wellness.

Battling Multiple Sclerosis daily, Williams built the Living Well with Montel brand by incorporating life experience with the information he has accumulated through personal account and professional opinion. Living Well is focused on products that can help consumers live better physically, emotionally, financially and spiritually. The premier Living Well product, the Healthmaster Emulsifier, was launched in 2009 and multiple other health and wellness products are set to release in 2010.

In January 2006, Williams became the national spokesman for the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, a patient assistance clearinghouse program that has matched over six million Americans to public and private patient assistance programs, providing them with more than \$13 billion dollars of free or nearly free prescriptions.

A prolific author, Williams has penned several uplifting and practical books, four of which became bestsellers. His titles include: *Living Well Emotionally: Breakthrough to a Life of Happiness*; *Living Well: 21 Days to Transform Your Life, Supercharge Your Health, and Feel Spectacular*; *Climbing Higher*; *BodyChange*; *Life Lessons and Reflections*; *A Dozen Ways to Sunday: Stories of Hope and Courage*; *Mountain Get Out of My Way: Life Lessons and Learned Truths*; and *Practical Parenting*.

Williams enjoys acting and performs whenever his schedule permits. Over the past few years, he has had stints on hit television programs including *All My Children*, *American Dreams* and *JAG*. In 2009 he contributed to the long-running dramatic series *Guiding Light*, playing “Clayton Boudreau,” which landed him a NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Actor in a Television Series. He also

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starred in the critically acclaimed off-Broadway play “The Exonerated.” Williams served a dual role as star and executive producer for the primetime CBS series, *The Education of Matt Waters*.

Shortly after being diagnosed with MS in 1999, Williams established the Montel Williams MS Foundation ([www.montelms.org](http://www.montelms.org)) to further the scientific study of Multiple Sclerosis, provide financial assistance to select organizations and institutions conducting research, raise national awareness, and educate the public. The MWMSF has granted over \$1.5 million dollars to research and has supported a study done at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, which discovered an MS gene.

Williams began his professional career in the US Marine Corps in 1974 when he enlisted in his hometown of Baltimore after graduating high school. After six months, he was meritoriously promoted twice, and in 1975, became the first black Marine selected to the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island. Upon graduation from prep school, Williams received a Presidential Appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he studied Mandarin Chinese and graduated with a degree in general engineering and a minor in international security affairs. He was then selected as special duty intelligence officer, specializing in cryptology.

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